

SHARING AND CONNECTING KNOWLEDGE, RATHER THAN (only) DATA

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TBC Conference

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Today's Healthcare

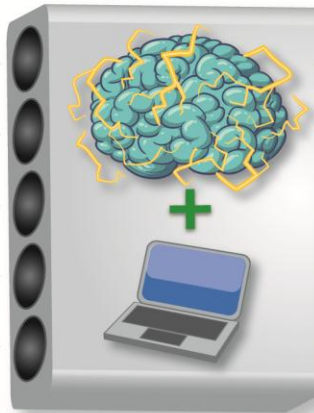
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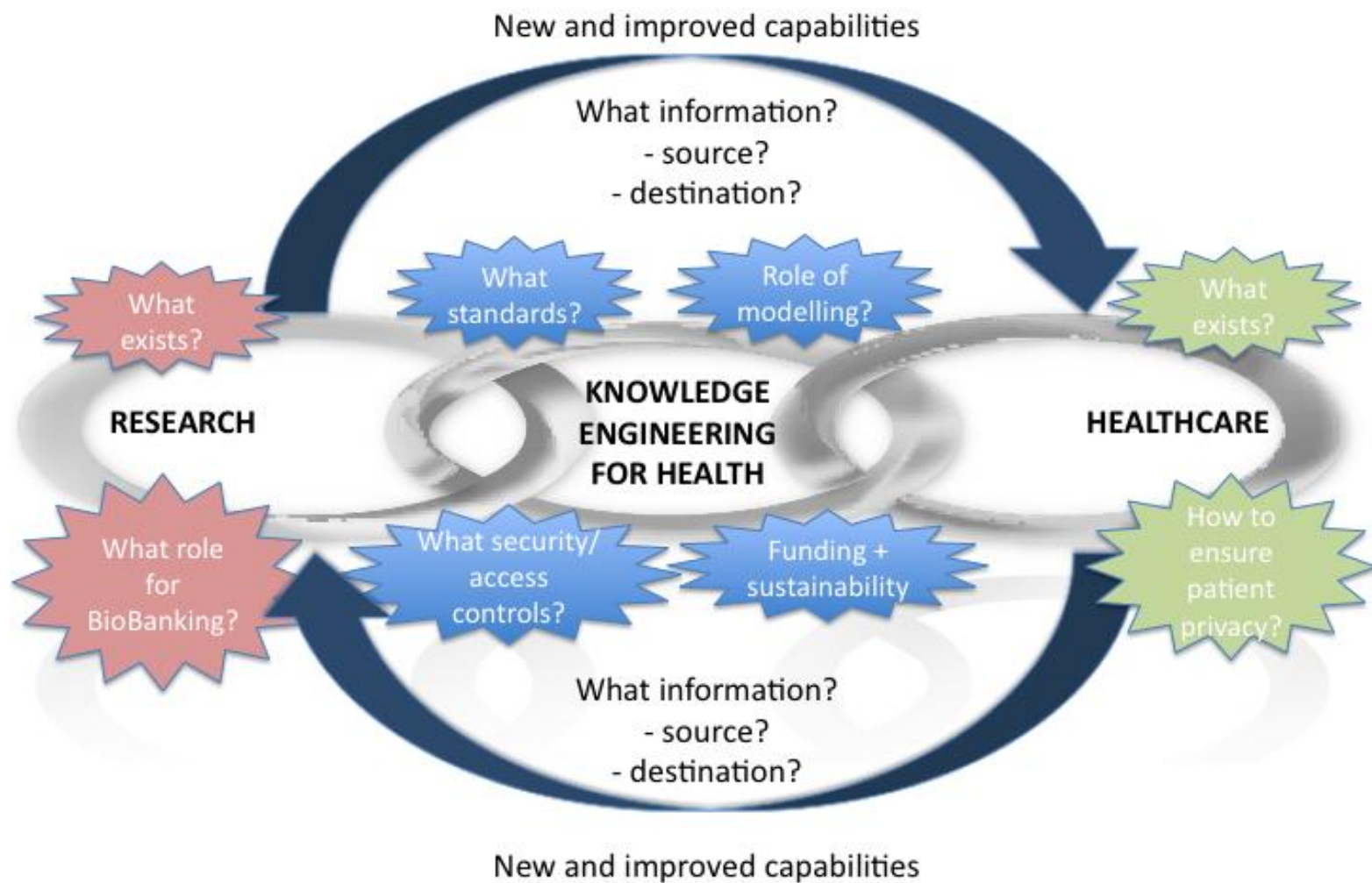


**Inconsistent &
sub-optimal healthcare**

Tomorrow's Healthcare

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WHY share data?

- Enables checking & validation of claims
- Enables meta-analysis
- Enables new uses
- Enables data integration
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- Panton principles: “For science to effectively function, and for society to reap the full benefits from scientific endeavours, it is crucial that science data be made open”

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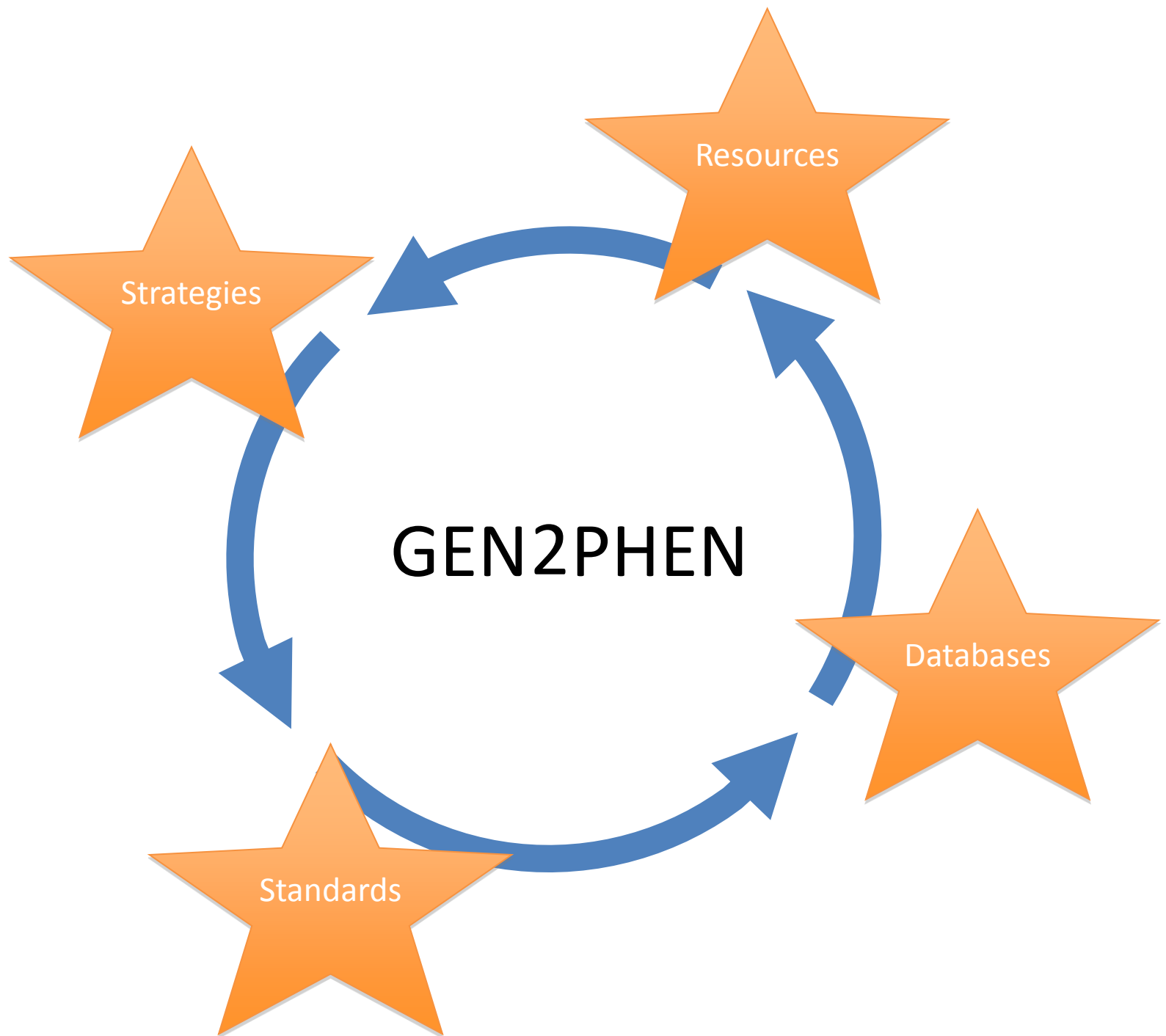
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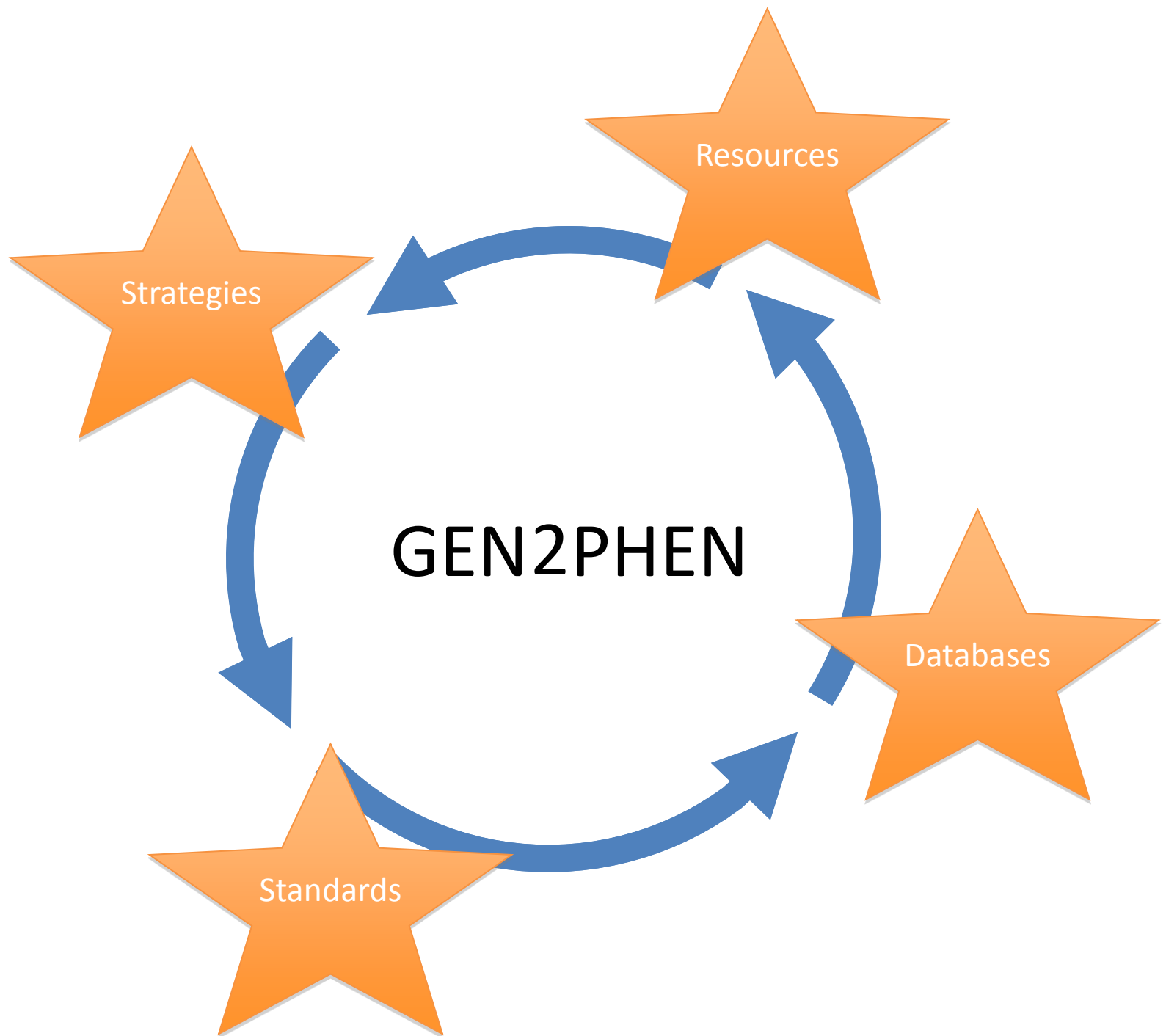
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South Africa

**Towards a federated internet
'Knowledge-Environment' for
genotype-phenotype data...**

**...for research and healthcare
utilisation.**







LRG

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PathoKB

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Observ-TAB



GEN

PHEN



GEN2PHEN

- Unification and utility of
'Genotype-to-Phenotype' data

BioShaRE

- Science and IT for Biobanking

EMIF

- Using health data in research

eTOX

- Toxicology data and modelling

COPD-MAP

- Systems medicine KM (COPD)

REQUIRE

- Systems medicine KM (cancer)

Research data sharing

Diagnostic lab data sharing

EHR data sharing

Pharma company data sharing

Public sourced data sharing

**DATA SHARING
IS IMPORTANT
BUT DIFFICULT !**

Nuffield Council on Bioethics workshop (12 Sept 2013)

"Fact finding meeting on privacy and data control issues"

- **General:**
 - IT can provide solutions, but political will to implement complicated by rapid changes in IT
 - nothing can offer one hundred per cent protection
 - attitudes to data protection vary considerably across different cultures
- **Data Warehouses:**
 - centralisation of data has made it easier to illicitly access private information
 - frequent data security breaches creates rational public distrust in many data-heavy projects
 - there is a significant black market for personal data
- **Patients:**
 - do not necessarily value privacy to the exclusion of all other interests
 - it is not clear how well they understand the issues
 - are more likely to offer data if given something in return
- **Researchers (carrots, sticks, ambition, ability):**
 - ????????
- **Organisations (business model and legal considerations):**
 - ????????

Data Sharing... just needs better engineering?

metadata standards

federation standards

exchange f

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use cate

ethico-social standards

**Creating a Global Alliance to
Enable Responsible Sharing
of Genomic and Clinical Data**

June 3, 2013

QC standards

legal standards

ENTITY IDENTIFIERS

Data IDs

- The 'Data Object Identifier' (DOI) system, managed by DataCite. Covers a very broad concept of a 'data object' (much more than just traditional publications). Essential for creating the 'web of data'.

Database IDs

- The BioDBCore project by which database IDs can be assigned. Essential if webservice are to start connecting resources effectively.

Human IDs

- The 'Open Researcher Contributor Identifier' (ORCID) system. Launched late 2013, has already issued many tens of thousands of ORCIDs. Soon to be a required author detail when submitting manuscripts. Removes ambiguity over all 'contributors', thereby enabling incentive/reward systems for data sharing, improved knowledge discovery options, and automation of data access control.

Patient IDs

- Various approaches being tested, but none yet close to an ideal, global solution. Needed to resolve identical patient records that relate to different individuals from those that are merely duplicated (recycled) information about a single individual.

BioResource IDs

- Pilot system emerging from GEN2PHEN & BioShaRE, operated by P3G, as a basis for developing BioResource Impact Factor (BRIF) metrics.

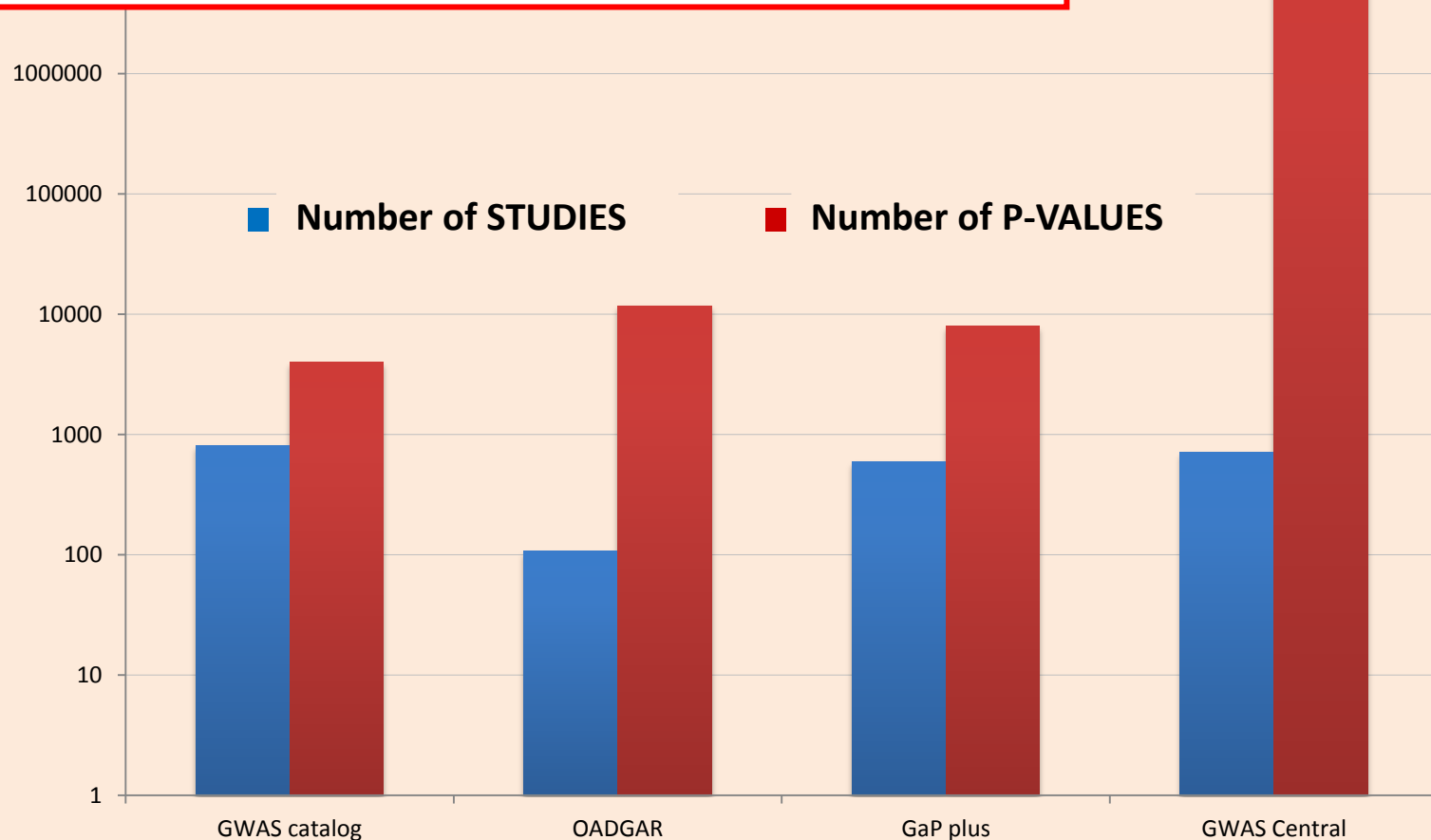
Issues that restrict sharing data



- CANNOT: Data owners may not have time nor funding to manually submit data, and/or submission process and requirements too complicated
- WILL NOT: Data owners receive little or no recognition or reward for releasing data, hence little incentive to try
- MUST NOT: Data owners may have good reasons for not sharing data (ethical, legal, competitive edge)

'GWAS Central'

- *GWAS db: 1700 studies + 30,000,000 p-values*
- *aggregate data & extensive metadata*
- *tools for data mining, visualisation, export*
- *links to data sources for primary data*
- *>3,000 unique IP users per month*



Enter a study id, dbSNP
(e.g. ...)



About GWAS Central

GWAS Central provides
level findings from gene
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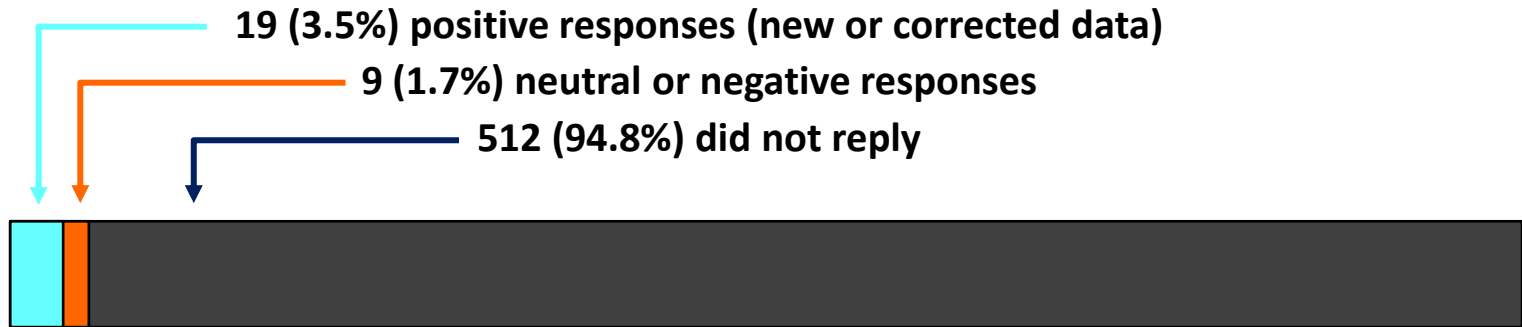
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Data Citation

GWAS CENTRAL 'Publicity Project'

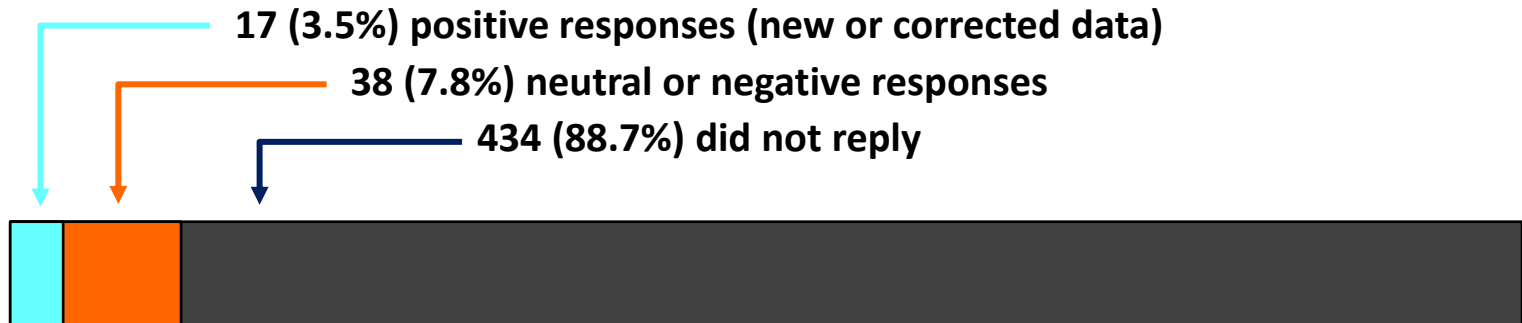
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570 e-mails sent to authors of 700 studies [30 undeliverable]

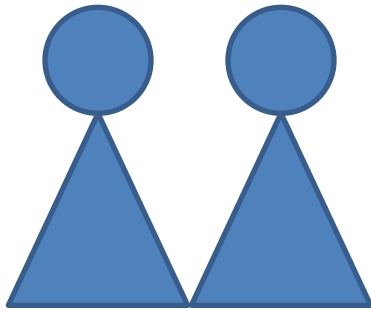


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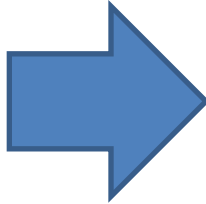
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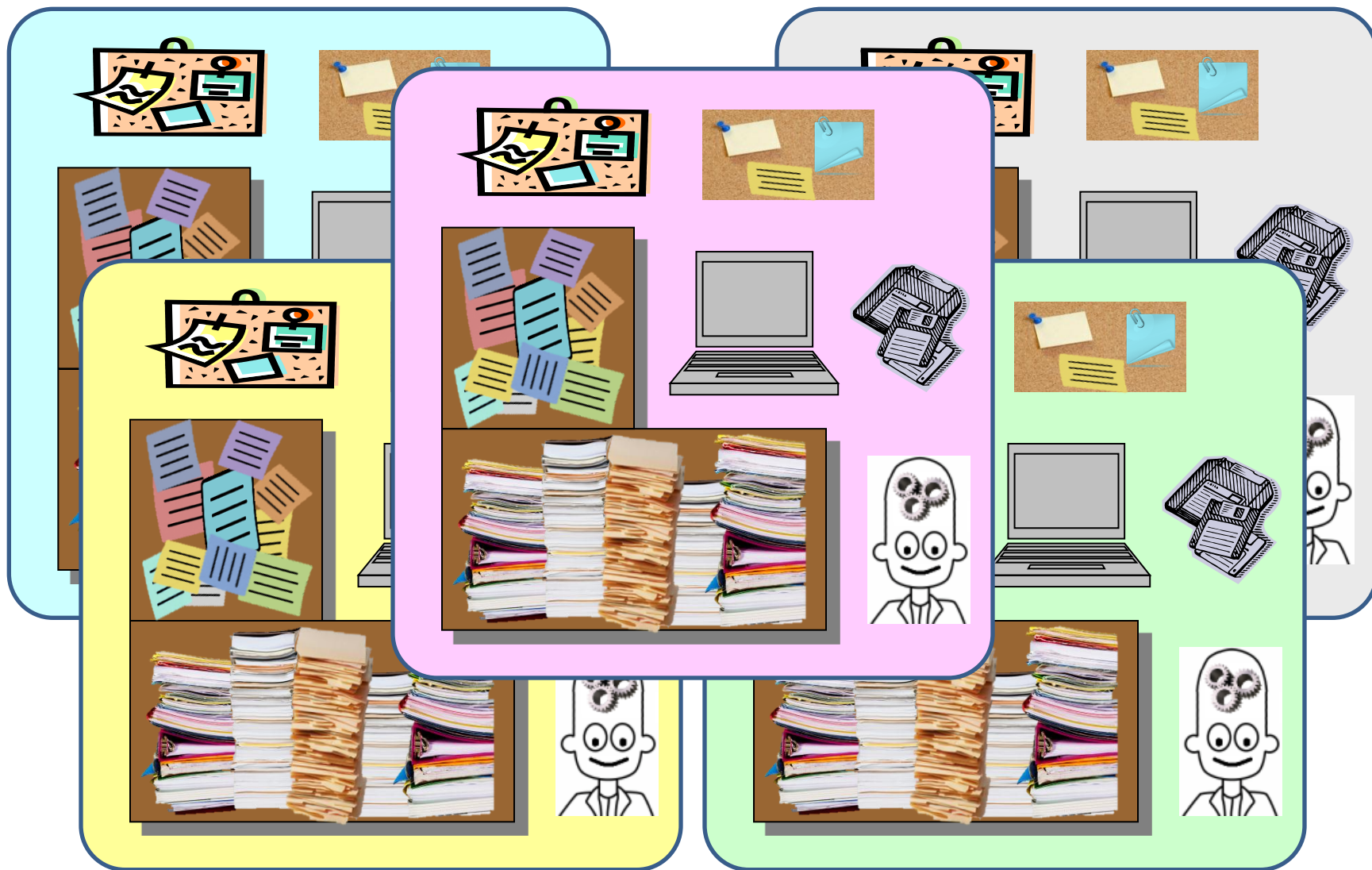
**Improving on the current
state-of-the-art**



**Single
Research Team**



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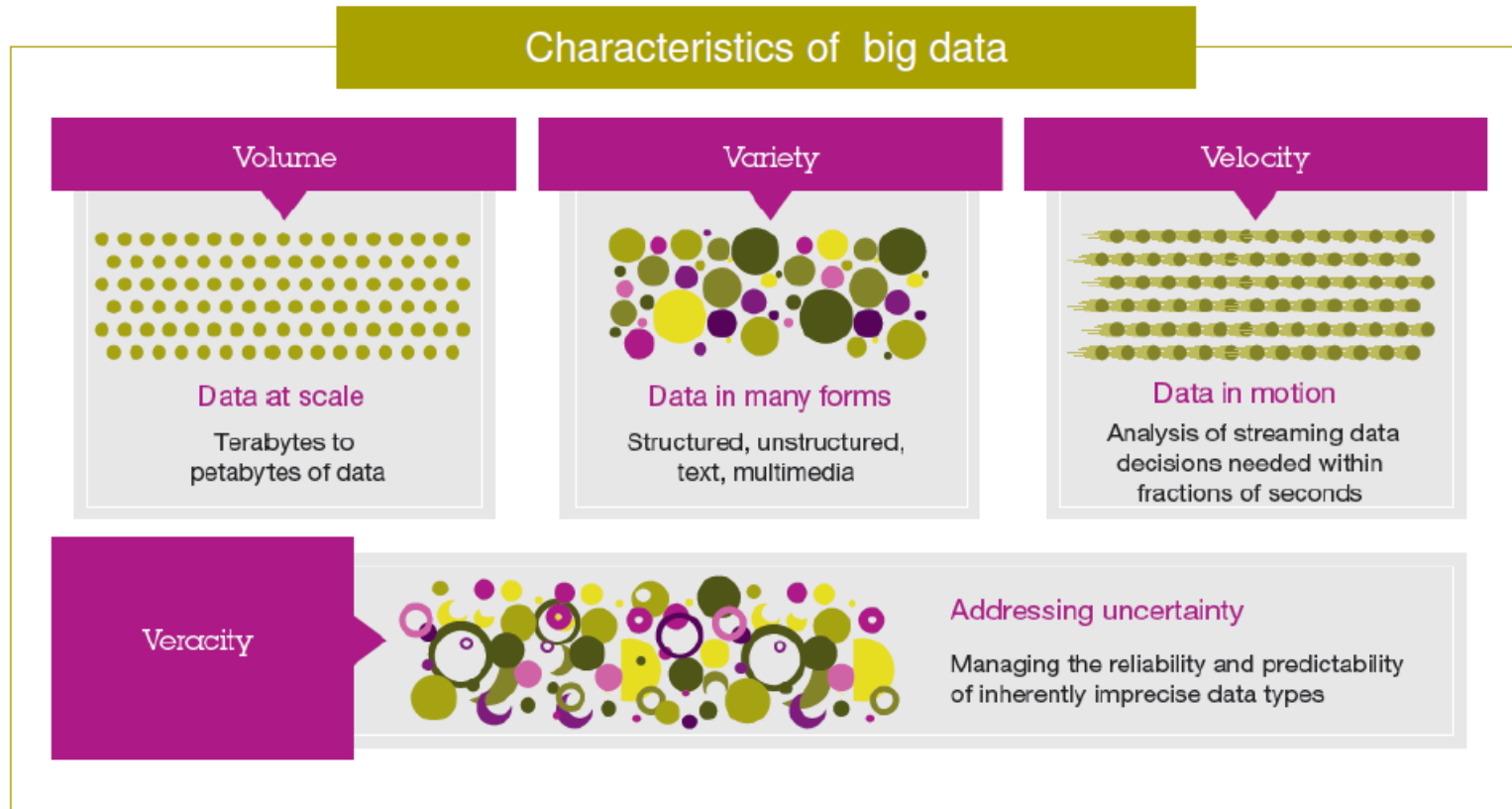


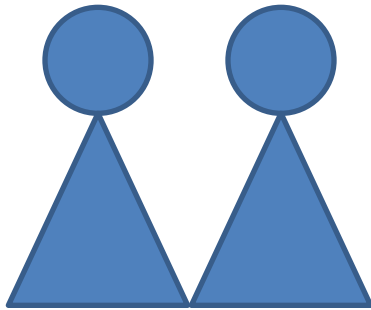
Consortium Data



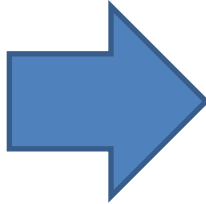
‘Big Data’

5. BIG DATA...



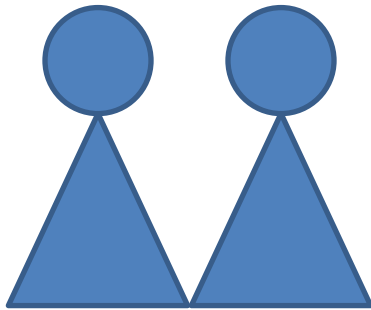


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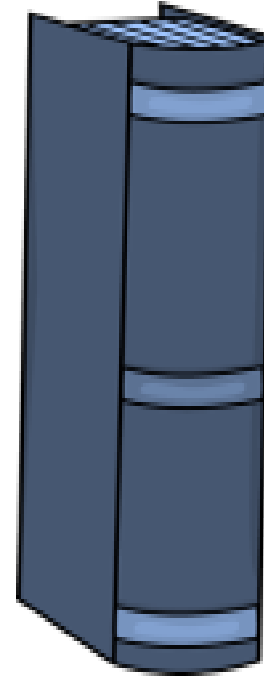
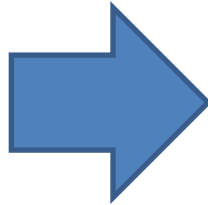


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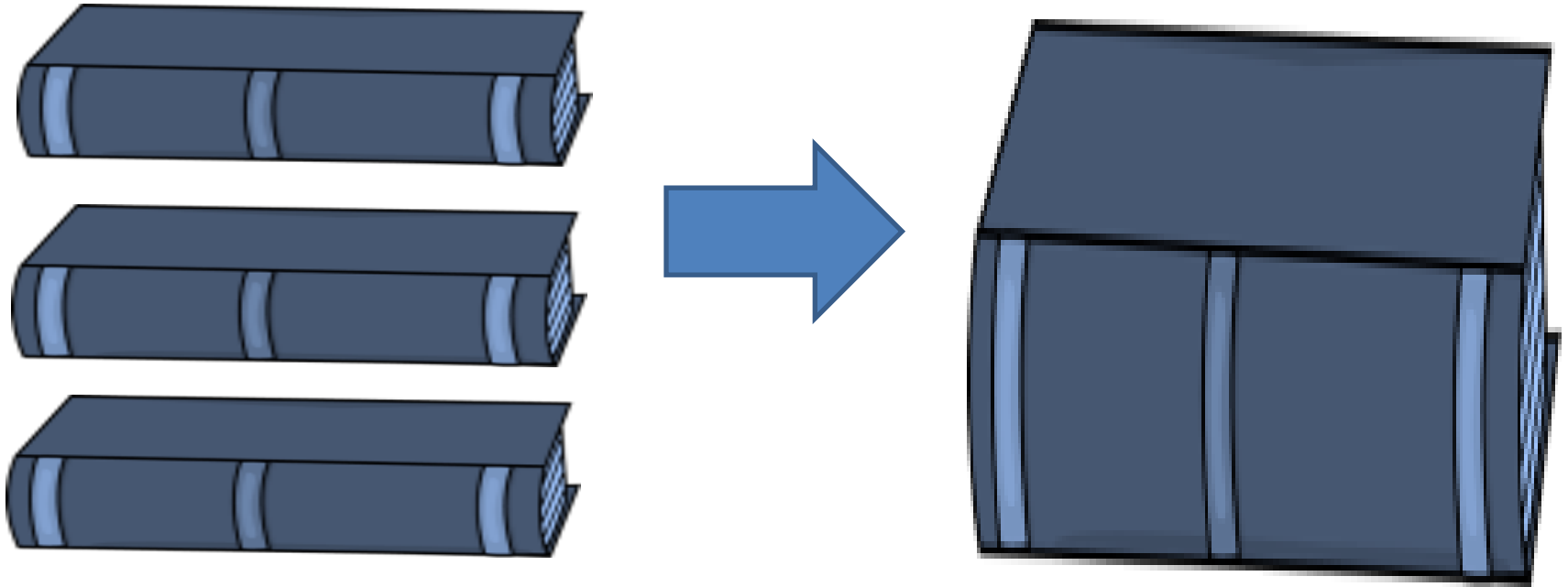
**Can/Will all data be digitised, organised, structured...
to make them 'sharable' ?**



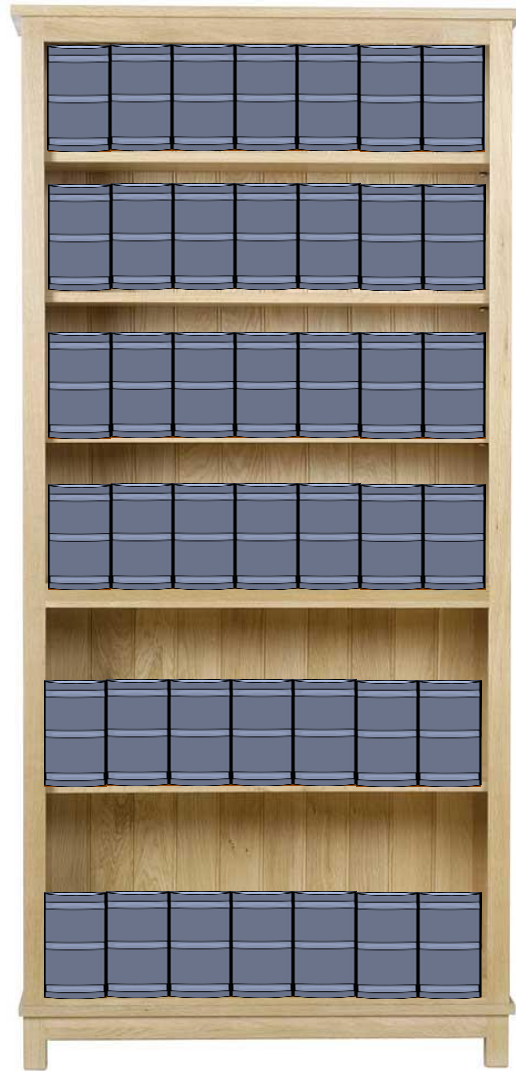
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Centralised Sharing of Data

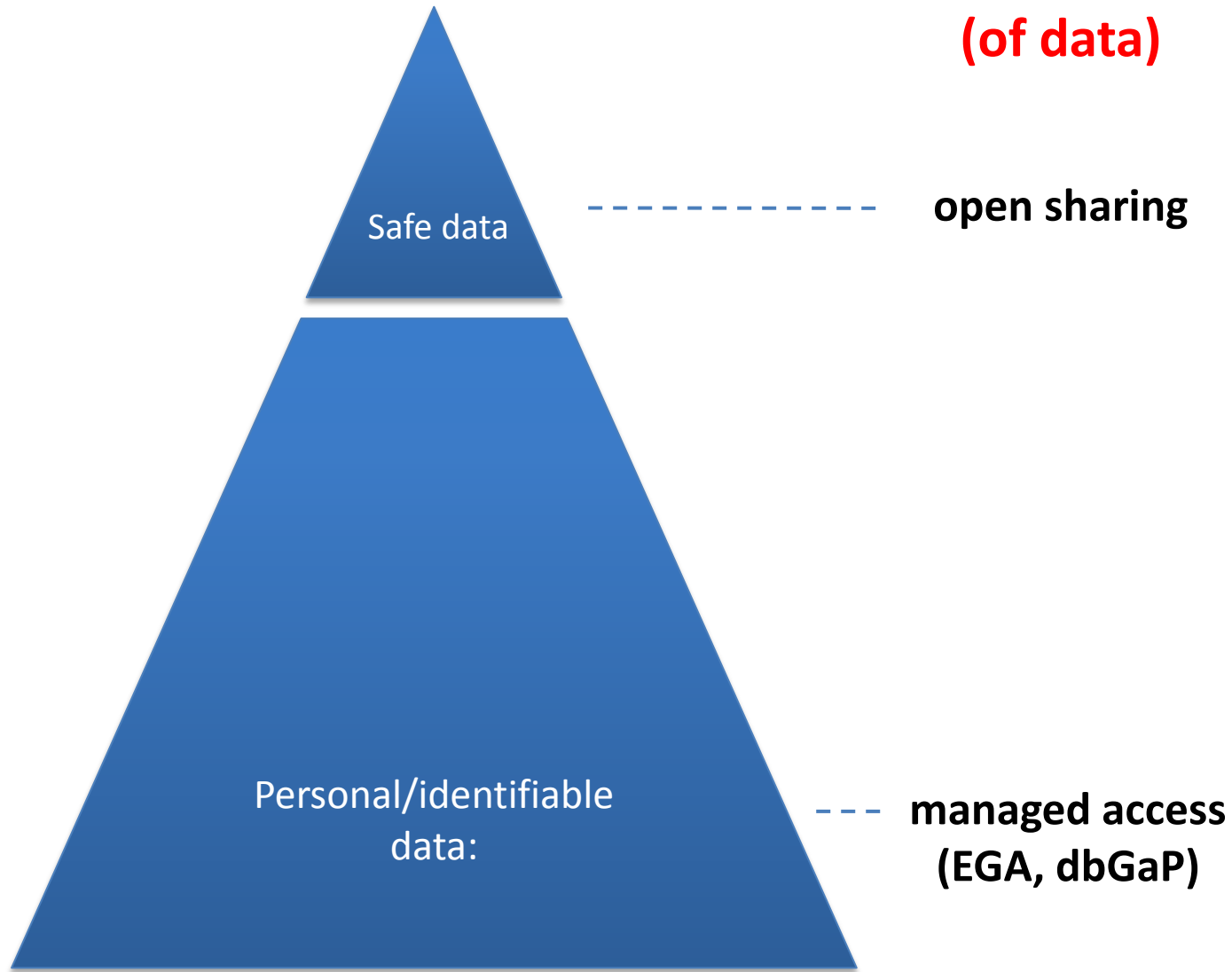


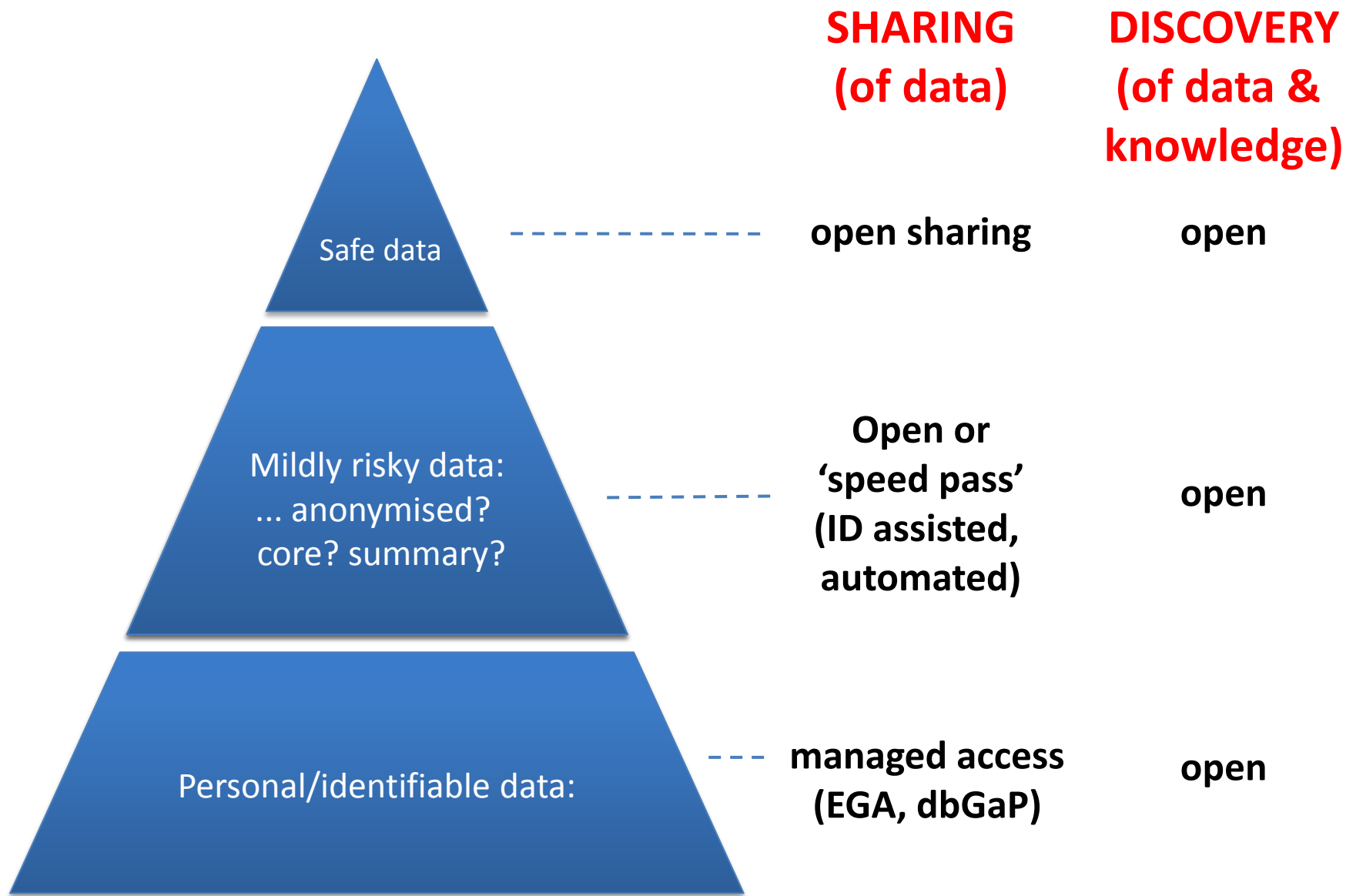
Federated Sharing of Data



Realistic Expectation

SHARING (of data)







*Openly share the 'existence' rather than
the 'substance' of the data
....thereafter variably manage data access*

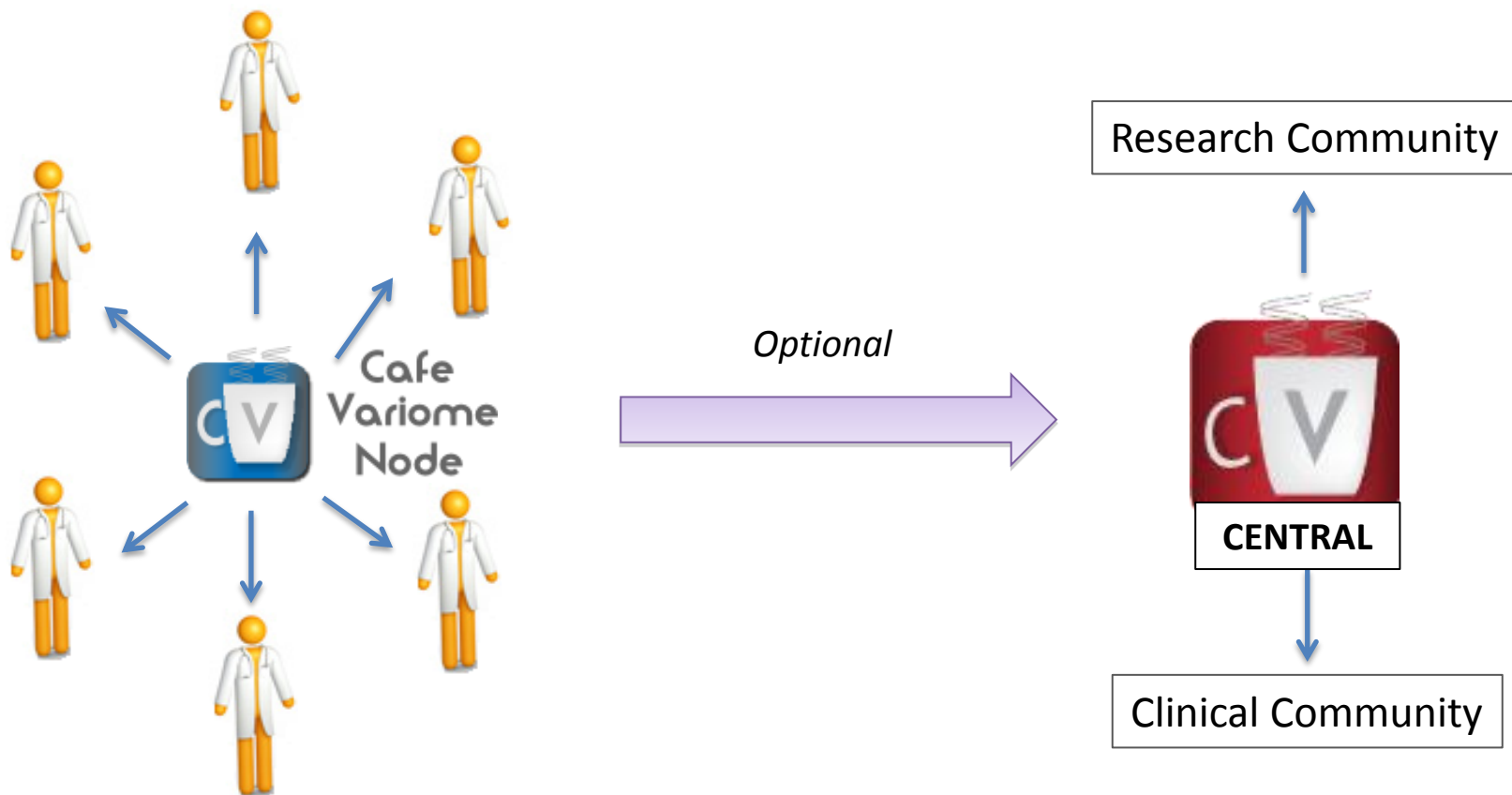
Connecting Diagnostic Networks

- Need to enable diagnostic laboratories to check whether sequence variants have previously been seen by other labs [with patients with related phenotypes]
- Currently not possible due to difficulties of data sharing between labs, or with others
- Café Variome can solve this...

The Café Variome Solution

- Allows 'open discovery' of the existence (rather than actual substance) of relevant mutation data
- Thereby, enables networks of labs to easily query for the existence of variants, without necessarily revealing the underlying data, thus overcoming issues of patient confidentiality, etc.
- Currently being extended to handle more sophisticated omics/NGS data handling and deep phenotype data

Networks of labs exchanging data



Allows users to check whether the same mutation(s) have previously been seen by other laboratories/patients (with related phenotypes)

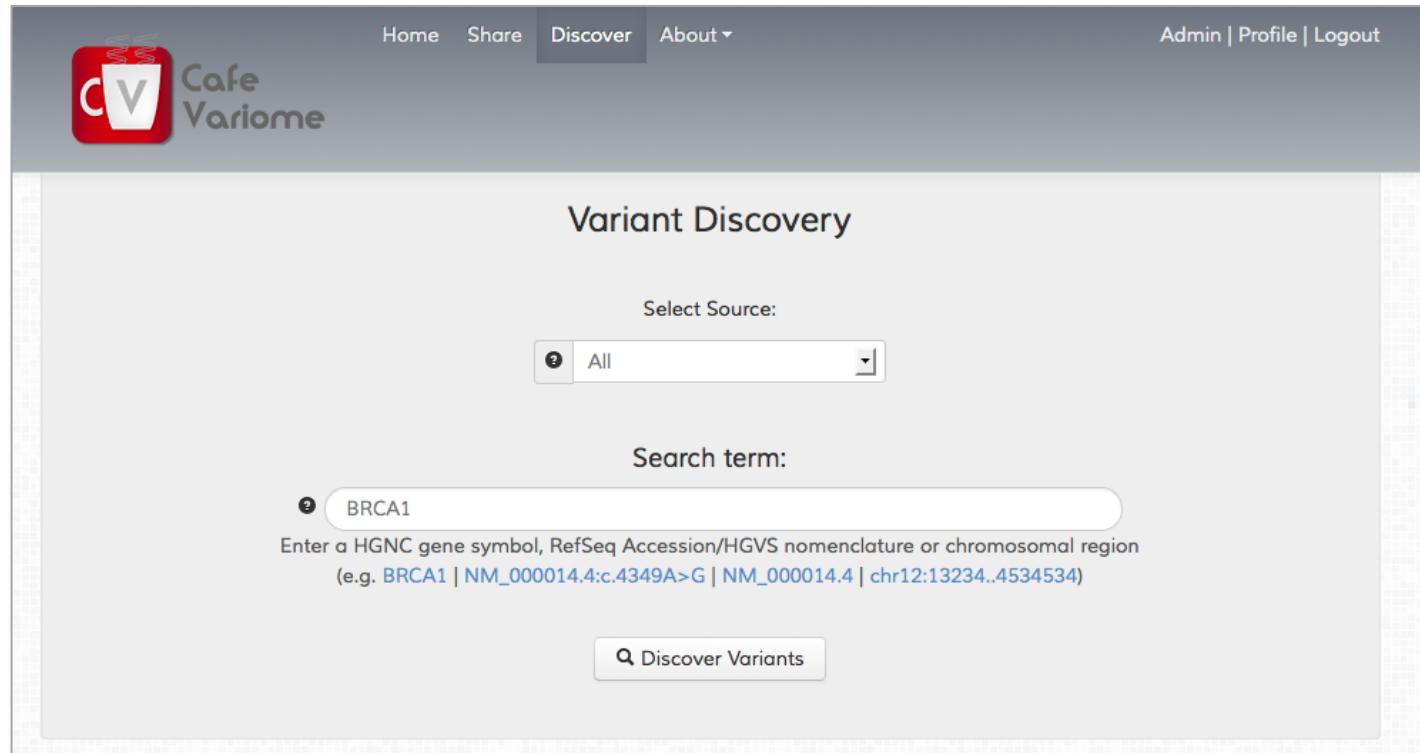
Café Variome Central (<http://www.cafevariome.org>)



Source	Variant Count
Diagnostic laboratories	193
HGMD	57927
UniProt Variants	23558
1000 Genomes	86305
dbSNP (coding)	100103
PhenCode	3694
DMuDB (pilot data)	21
LSDB	57868
FORGE Canada	73
FINDbase	6850
TOTAL:	336592

Café Variome Central is now populated with all major public human genome sequence variants, including all public LSDBs

Record Discovery “Menu”



The screenshot shows the 'Variant Discovery' page of the Cafe Variome website. The header includes the Cafe Variome logo, navigation links (Home, Share, Discover, About), and user links (Admin, Profile, Logout). The main content area is titled 'Variant Discovery' and contains a 'Select Source' dropdown menu set to 'All'. Below this is a 'Search term' input field with 'BRCA1' entered. A help icon is visible to the left of the search field. Below the input field, there is a prompt to enter a HGNC gene symbol, RefSeq Accession/HGVS nomenclature, or chromosomal region, with examples like 'BRCA1', 'NM_000014.4:c.4349A>G', and 'chr12:13234..4534534'. At the bottom, there is a 'Discover Variants' button with a magnifying glass icon.

Home Share **Discover** About ▾ Admin | Profile | Logout

Cafe Variome

Variant Discovery

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ⓘ All ▾

Search term:

ⓘ BRCA1

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🔍 Discover Variants

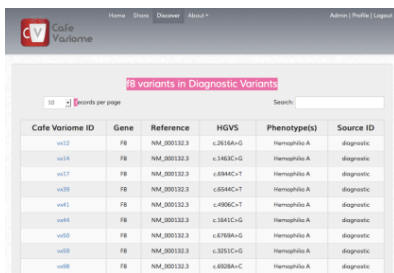
Data Sharing Models (facilitated, controlled access)

Open Discovery – Reporting Existence of Variants in Sources

Open Access

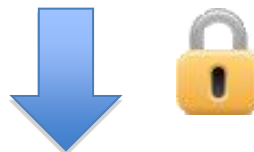


Core info for each variant record is shown & made available for download



CAFE Variome ID	Gene	Reference	HGVs	Phenotype(s)	Source ID
vs12	FB	NM_001323	c.2616A>G	Hemophilia A	diagnostic
vs14	FB	NM_001323	c.3463C>G	Hemophilia A	diagnostic
vs17	FB	NM_001323	c.6944C>T	Hemophilia A	diagnostic
vs19	FB	NM_001323	c.6544C>T	Hemophilia A	diagnostic
vs1	FB	NM_001323	c.4906C>T	Hemophilia A	diagnostic
vs4	FB	NM_001323	c.3541C>G	Hemophilia A	diagnostic
vs10	FB	NM_001323	c.8769A>G	Hemophilia A	diagnostic
vs9	FB	NM_001323	c.3251C>G	Hemophilia A	diagnostic
vs8	FB	NM_001323	c.6028A>C	Hemophilia A	diagnostic

Restricted Access



Core or full record details are provided per record, if:

- User is pre-approved by group access permissions set by data owner
- Access is approved after facilitated email request to the data owner

Linked Access



Source DB resource

No data, only link to the data source is reported.

Access then control managed by source db

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Variome

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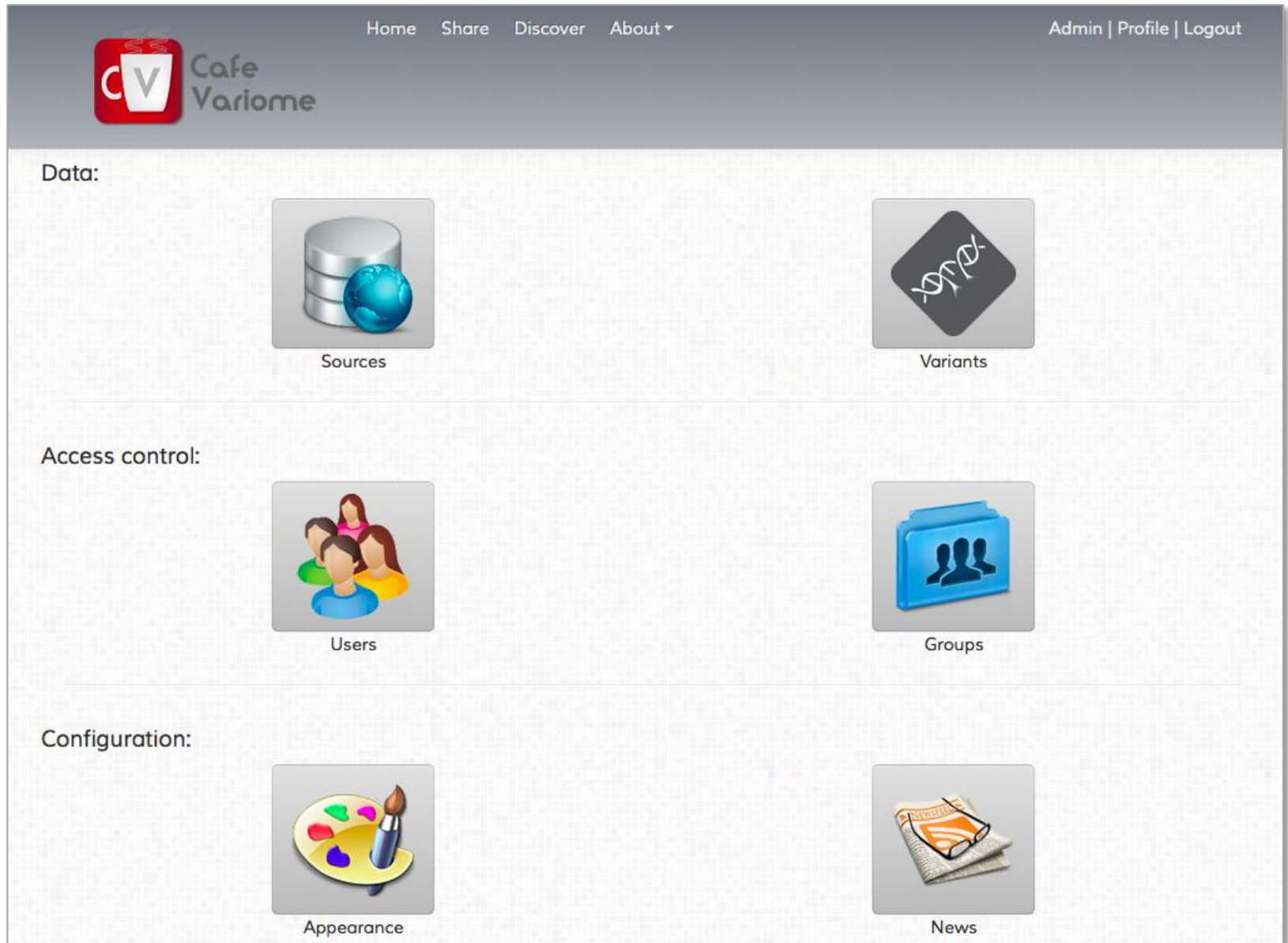
BRCA1

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🔍 Discover Variants

Source	Open Access		Restricted Access		Linked Access	
1000 Genomes Project	0	✖	0	✖	0	✖
dbSNP	1401	📄	0	✖	0	✖
Diagnostic Variants	0	✖	11	📄	0	✖

Administrators Interface



Data Sharing Granularity

The screenshot displays the Cafe Variome web application. A 'Sharing Policy' dialog box is open, prompting the user to choose a sharing policy level for selected variants. The dialog shows a dropdown menu with 'restrictedAccess' selected. Below the dialog, a table lists variant data with columns for Cafe Variome ID, Gene, Variant, and Sharing Policy. The table shows five variants, all currently set to 'openAccess'. A 'Confirm' button is visible next to the dialog.

Sharing Policy

Choose the sharing policy level you would like to set your selected variants to:

restrictedAccess

Confirm Close

	Cafe Variome ID	Gene	Variant	Sharing Policy	Actions			
☐								
☒	vx1							
☒	vx2	F8	c.6857A>G	NM_000132.3	-	openAccess		
☒	vx3	MTM1	c.205C>T	NM_000252.2	-	openAccess		
☐	vx4	BRCA2	c.10202C>T	NM_000059.3	-	openAccess		
☐	vx5	BIN1	c.141C>T	NM_004305.2	-	openAccess		

Description	Variant Count	Action	Change Sharing Policy	
Project	86306	+	openAccess restrictedAccess	
	478542	+	openAccess restrictedAccess	
variants	241	+	openAccess restrictedAccess	
Database	20	+	openAccess restrictedAccess	
Disorders Database	1952	+	openAccess restrictedAccess	
Database	1294	+	openAccess restrictedAccess	
Consortium	74	+	openAccess restrictedAccess	
hgmd	Human Gene Mutation Database	57930	+	openAccess restrictedAccess
lsdb	Locus-specific Databases	74571	+	openAccess restrictedAccess
phencode	PhenCode	91114	+	openAccess restrictedAccess
uniprot	Uniprot	67197	+	openAccess restrictedAccess

Showing 1 to 11 of 11 entries

Users can control access to variants from individual fine grained level to whole data sets

Café Variome adoption and use

- **Requires only three input fields per recorded mutation**
 - **HGVS name, gene name & reference URL**
 - **optional phenotype, patient ID, & other fields**
[metadata includes source DB name, curator name, reference transcript]
- **Directly installed from a simply installation file**
- **Supports networks by being installed**
 - **on a single server**
 - **multi-site reference data loaded into this menu**
 - **multi-site reference data kept locally & accessed remotely by web-services**
 - **on multiple servers**
 - **multi-site reference data kept locally & searched from these menus**
- **Data also loaded directly by upload buttons available on**
 - **Alamut software (Interactive Biosystems)**
 - **Gensearch (PhenoSystems)**

Cafe Variome Network Collaborators

- DMuDB (with Andrew Devereau, Susan Stenhouse)
- Denmark diagnostic network (with Friedrik Wikman)
- German diagnostic network (with Arne Pfeufer)
- French diagnostic network (with Andre Blavier (Interactive Biosoftware))
- Belgium diagnostic network (with Gert Matthijs)
- Canadian diagnostic network (with Forge Canada / Care4Rare)
- Netherlands diagnostic network (with Morris Swertz & Rolf Sijmons)

- Ehlers Danlos Syndrome network (with Raymond Dalgleish)
- Collagen disease network (with Peter Byers)
- Inherited Colon Cancer network (with Finlay Macrae, InSiGHT)

Data Discovery

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Knowledge Sharing

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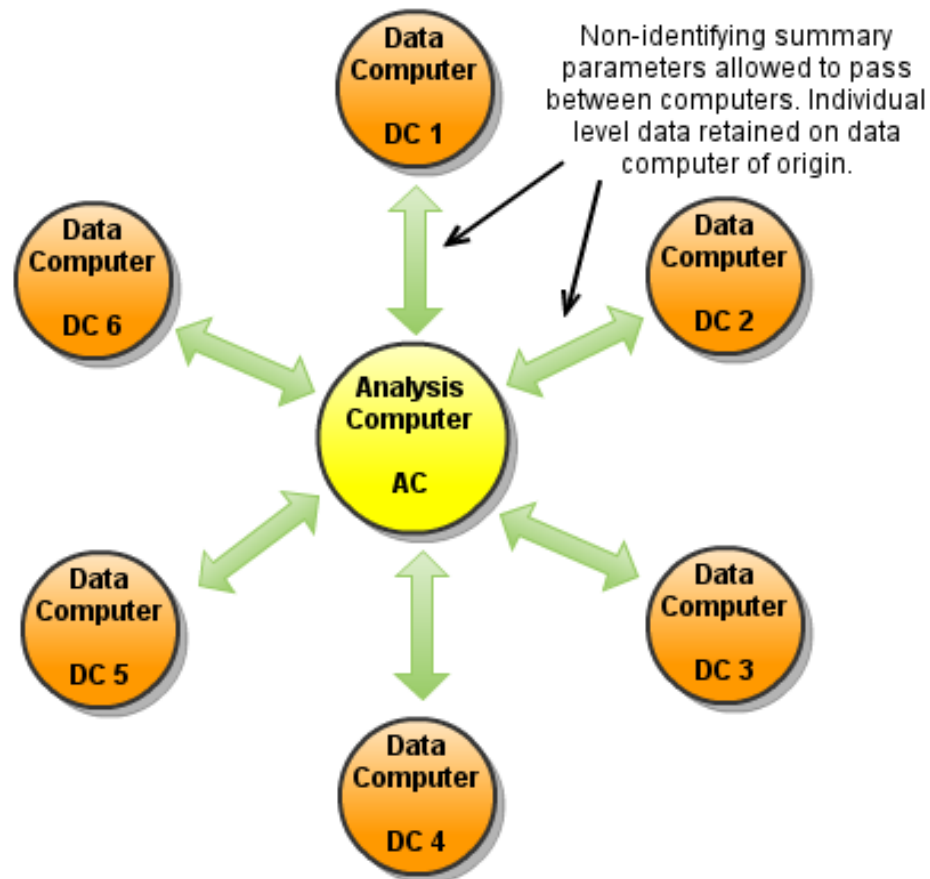
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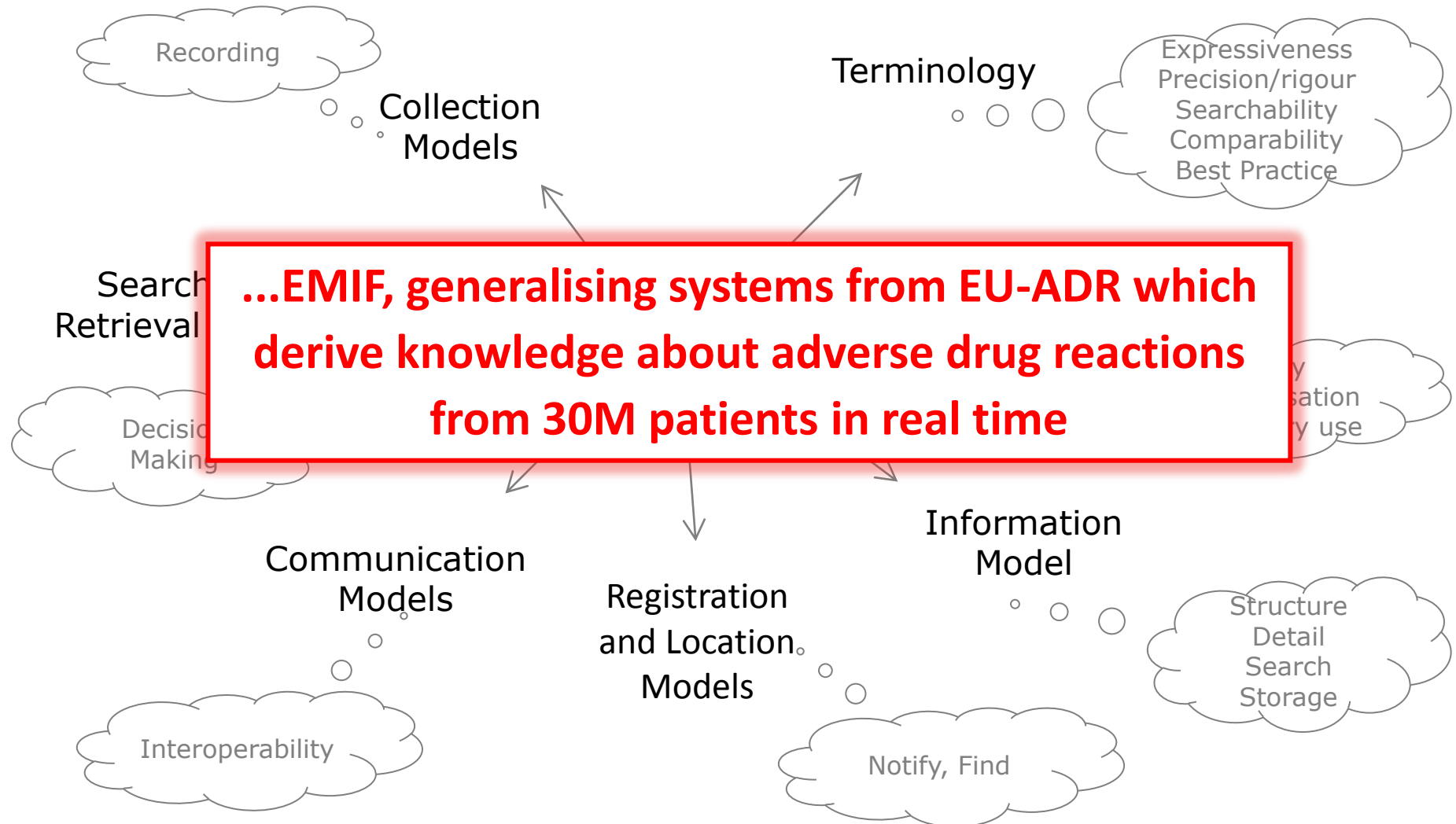
...or 11/55 (20%)

DataSHIELD: Pooled data analysis without data sharing

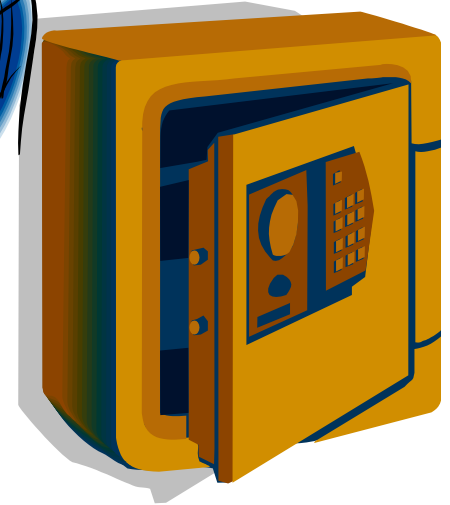
- An Analysis Computer (AC) sends iteratively requests for fitting a given model to the Data Computers (DC) on which data are stored



Knowledge Sharing



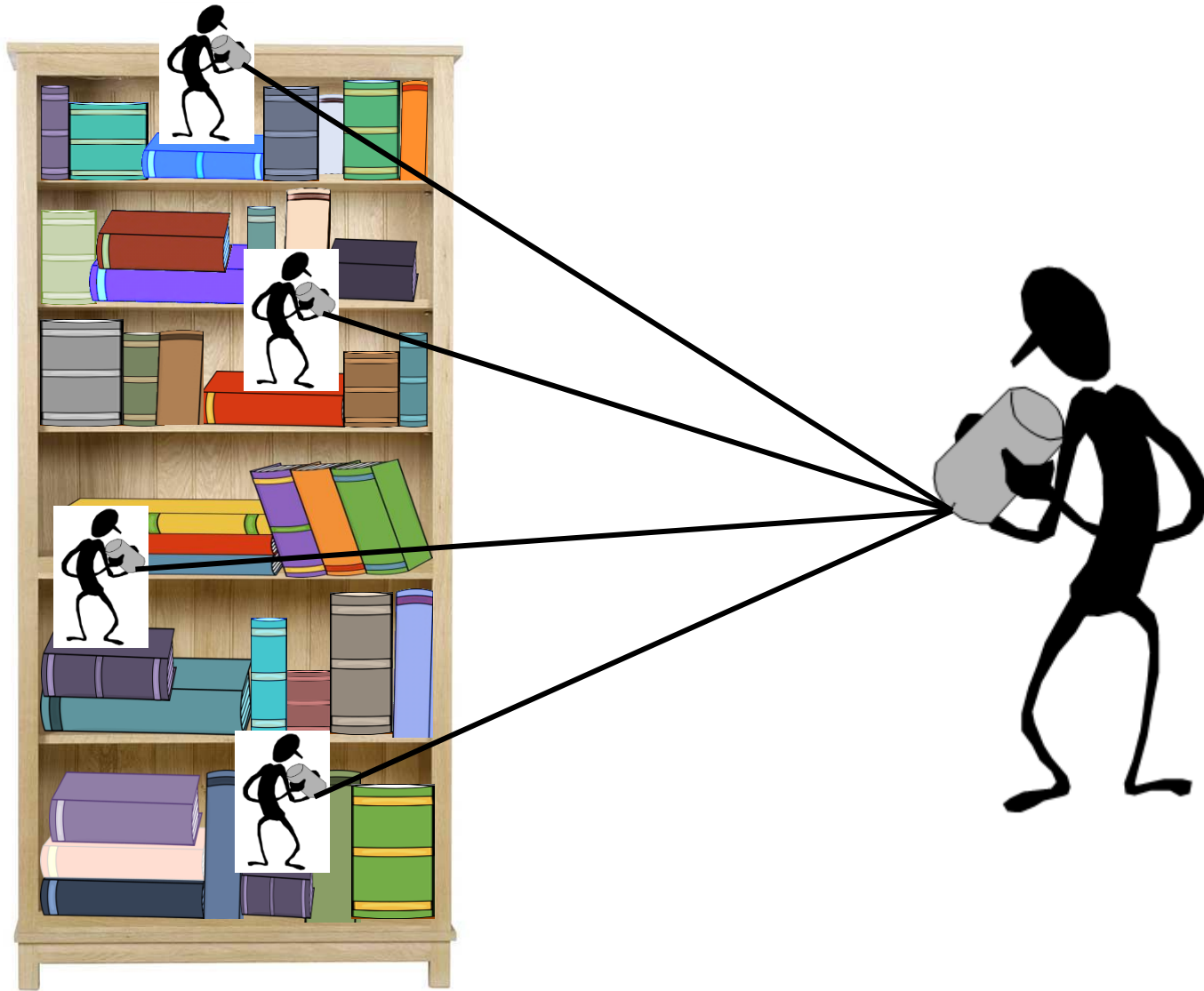




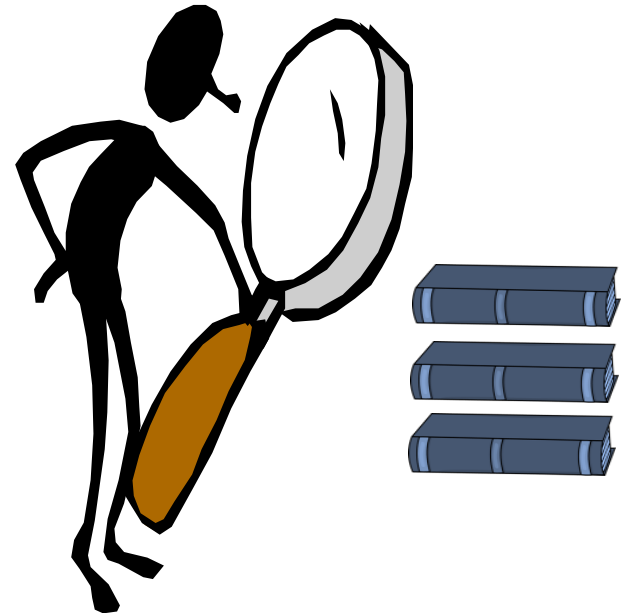
Data Sharing



Knowledge Sharing



Data Remote Analysis



Data Discovery

DATA SHARING - important, but problematic
 - prioritise IDs and risk categorisation

DATA DISCOVERY - 90% of the benefits
 - 10% of the problems

KNOWLEDGE SHARING - just a technical extension
 - 99% of the benefits

One does not have to co-locate:

- Data repository & Data interpretation

One does not have to co-locate:

- Data sharing & Knowledge sharing & Data discovery

Partners in GEN2PHEN, BioShare, EMIF, eTox, COPD-MAP, REQUITE

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Tim Beck, Charalambos Chrysostomou, Robert Hastings, Owen Lancaster, Adam Webb
Sirisha Gollapudi, Robert Free, Gudmundur Thorisson

DKP Facility members



**Data to
Knowledge for
Practice (DKP)
Facility**